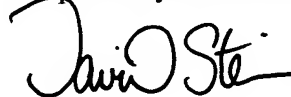


**REMARKS**

The Amendment is believed to present claims 10-22 in condition for consideration and allowance. Early examination and allowance is respectfully requested.

The Director is authorized to charge payment of one additional independent claim over the three independent claims normally allotted to Deposit Account No. 50-1170. No other fees are believed to be payable with this communication. Nevertheless, should the Examiner consider any other fees to be payable in conjunction with this or any future communication, the Director is authorized to direct payment of such fees, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1170.

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